

Council Tax Exemptions

If a household pays council tax they may be eligible for a 25% reduction if there is only one person at the property or 50% if there is no one within the property. The reason there can be considered no people at the property is because individuals can be disregarded if they meet specific criteria.

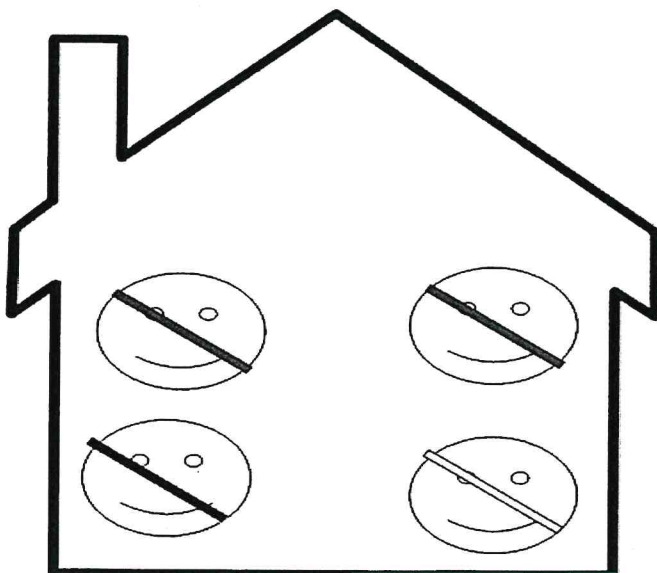
It is the number of individuals within the property, after all disregards are made, that is the main point to consider, not the fact that some individuals in the household may be eligible to be disregarded.

A person may be disregarded if they are:

- in a hospital or care home resident
- severely mentally impaired
- a convicted and remanded prisoner
- a student nurse or student
- a school or college leaver
- an apprentice or YTS trainee
- a dependent that Child Benefit is provided for
- a student (and their non-British partners)
- a care worker, such as a community service volunteer
- living with and providing essential care for someone (i.e. due to a disability), who is not their spouse, partner or child under 18

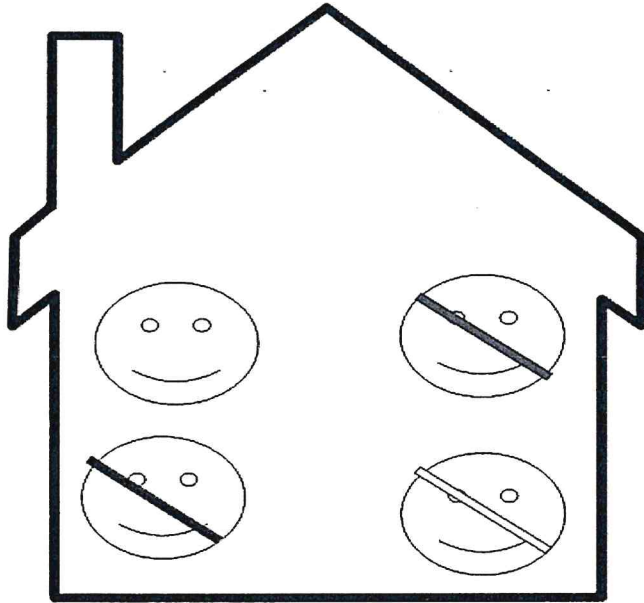
If you have adapted your home for a disabled adult or child you may be entitled to a reduction. If you are eligible your Council Tax will be reduced by one band.

Examples: 4 people in household. Mother and father both care for adult daughter with severe learning disability requiring intensive support; they have an adult son who is studying for a degree, in excess of 21 hours a week.



Mother and Father: Carer Disregards
Daughter: Severe Mental Impairment Disregard
Son: Full Time Student Disregard
Individuals in household after disregards = 0
Eligible for 50% Council Tax discount

However if father was not providing 35 hours of care a week



Mother: Carer Disregard

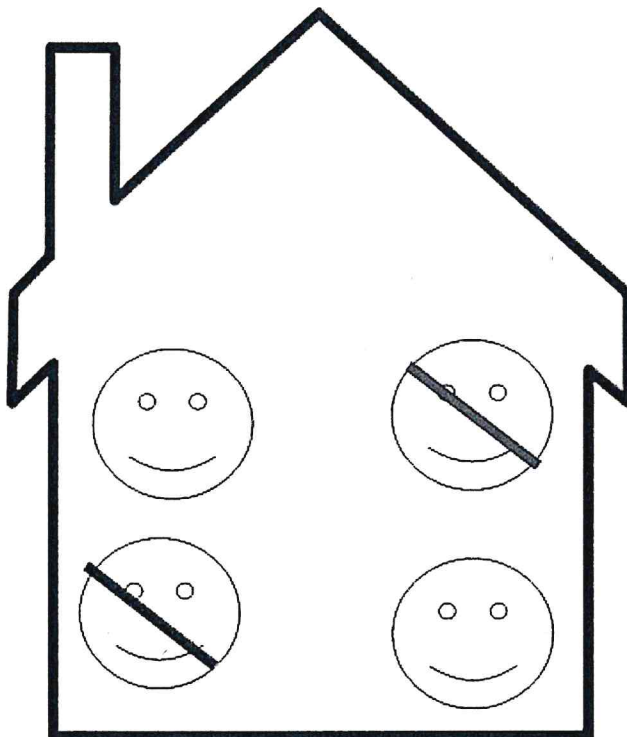
Daughter: Severe Mental Impairment Disregard

Son: Full Time Student Disregard

Individuals in household after disregards = 1

Eligible for 25% Council Tax discount

If father was not providing care and adult son is studying less than 21 hours a week



Mother: Carer Disregard

Daughter: Severe Mental Impairment Disregard

Individuals in household after disregards = 2

Not Eligible for Council Tax discount